



***WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held
Wednesday, January 21, 2009, for the purpose of receiving a City Manager Update.***

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. It was held in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Leta M. Mach arrived at 8:25 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WAS: Bill Orleans

Mr. McLaughlin reported that the Public Works facility would be completed by the end of February with a grand opening held as part of Earth Day. He reported that he was not optimistic about capital projects financing given high interest rates.

Under Finance, Mr. McLaughlin reported that electronic personnel actions may need to be pushed forward to FY 2010 depending on the new Human Resources Officer. Under Information Technology, Mr. McLaughlin reported that staff may bring a recommendation regarding the Computer Aided Dispatch project to Council in March.

Council reviewed the Public Information, Greenbelt Museum and Planning sections. Mayor Davis reported hearing concerns that the Greenbelt Theater was not doing well.

Under Police, Mr. Roberts asked for an analysis of the effectiveness of the Roosevelt Center cameras given the recent ATM theft. Mr. Putens noted that the feasibility analysis of a Reserve Officer program needed to be finished. He also requested a meeting with the Police Department to learn what is happening in the community.

Under Street Maintenance, Mr. McLaughlin noted that College Park arranged for a presentation by a consultant regarding purchasing and maintaining street lights. Under Waste Collection, it was noted that the City is now paying to recycle materials rather than “making money” on recyclables. Mayor Davis and Ms. Mach asked if bike racks at Roosevelt Center were being used.

Under Assistance in Living, Ms. Mach reported on a community schools program that included health facilities. She suggested this as a possibility for the historic portion of Greenbelt Middle School.

Under Community Center, Council stressed the need for standard lease language in Community Center leases.

Council reviewed the “top ten” list. Mayor Davis asked about those newspaper vendors who had not signed the agreement. Mr. McLaughlin responded that staff was still working on getting signatures.

Council reviewed the Council Action Request Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager*